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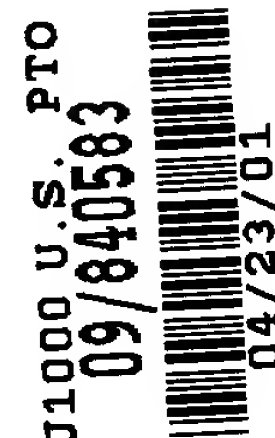
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Attorney Docket No.: 3001 P 015

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Continuation Patent Application Of:) Prior Application:
Kenneth Kiron and Kevin S. Bander) Application No. 09/579,801
Mailed: April 23, 2001) Filed: May 26, 2000
For: Open End Mutual Fund) Art Unit: 2761
Securitization Process) Examiner: Not Assigned
Present Application
Examiner: Not Assigned
Art Unit: Not Assigned



CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Box Patent Application
Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/579,801, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The parent application was filed on May 26, 2000, by Applicants Kenneth Kiron and Kevin S. Bander, and is similarly entitled "Open End Mutual Fund Securitization Process." The parent application is a continuation of Application No. 09/140,868 filed on August 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,088,685, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/542,431 filed on October 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048.

Benefit of Prior U.S. Application

The attached continuation application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications, as indicated below.

Papers Enclosed

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the specification filed herewith contains no new matter. Accordingly, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application U.S. Application No. 08/542,431, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048, is submitted herewith.

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The papers attached are as follows:

- Specification, Claims and Abstract, as originally filed October 12, 1995;
- Three (3) sheets of Drawings containing Figures 1A-1L and 2, as originally filed October 12, 1995;
- Substitute Specification and Abstract as filed February 9, 1998;
- Amendment filed February 9, 1998 amending the Claims;
- Preliminary Amendment filed August 27, 1998;
- Response to Office Action filed September 2, 1999 amending the Claims;
- Terminal Disclaimer filed September 2, 1999;
- Preliminary Amendment filed May 26, 2000; and
- Second Preliminary Amendment filed March 13, 2001.

Additional Papers Enclosed

A Preliminary Amendment is also attached, requesting amendment of the claims before examination.

A copy of the executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventor/Small Business Concern from the parent Application (U.S. Application No. 09/579,801), which is a copy of the executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern from its parent application (U.S. Application No. 08/542,431, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048).

A copy of the Assignment from the parent Application (U.S. Application No. 09/579,801), which is a copy of the executed Assignment from its parent application (U.S. Application No. 08/542,431, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048).

A copy of the Notification of Filing of Continuation Application as filed in parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/579,801).

Declaration or oath (including power of attorney)

As previously stated, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior U.S. application (Application No. 08/542,431) is submitted herewith, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d). Also enclosed is a copy of the Associate Power of Attorney filed September 2, 1999 in Application No. 09/140,868.

Incorporation by Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath and declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same as that for the parent application.

Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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Relate Back--35 U.S.C. 120

As required under 35 U.S.C. 120, the Specification of the attached application includes the following specific reference to the earlier filed parent applications:

"This Application is a continuation of co-pending Application Serial No. 09/579,801 filed May 26, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/140,868 filed August 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,088,685, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/542,431 filed October 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048."

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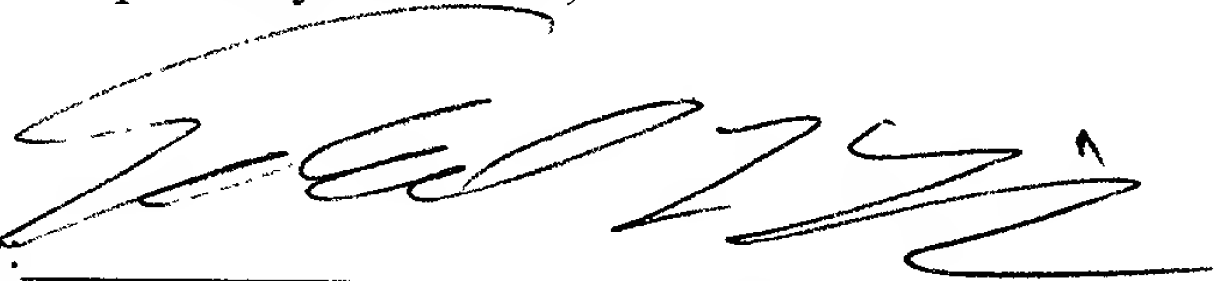
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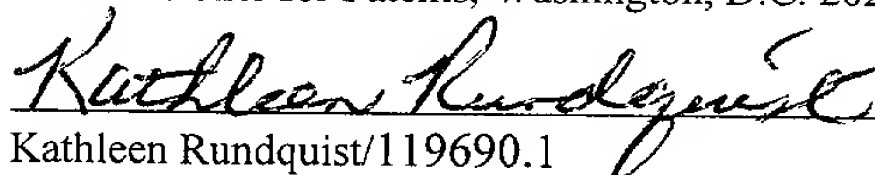
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Enclosures: Post Card.
Check No. 8179 for \$817.00.
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